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FOLLOWING REPEAT MOGADISCIO 0631 ACTION STATE WHITE HOUSE
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QUOTE S E C R E T MOGADISCIO 0631

EXDIS HANDLE AS NODIS

FOR THE PRESIDENT AND BRZEZINSKI

FOR THE SECRETARY AND TARNOFF

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, US, SO

SUBJ: MEETING WITH SIAD BARRE

REFS: A) MOGADISCIO 0618; B) STATE 073722

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE PERTINENT POINTS WHICH EMERGED IN
MY DISCUSSION WITH SIAD TODAY OF RESPONSES TO THE FOUR
QUESTIONS WHICH HE HAD POSED (REFTELS):

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1. THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS: SIAD HAD A DIFFICULT
TIME UNDERSTANDING THE NECESSITY FOR OUR CASE BY CASE
REVIEW OF TRANSFERS OF US ORIGIN ITEMS. I THINK HE
FINALLY ACCEPTED MY EXPLANATION. HE URGED THAT WE TELL
RELEVANT FRIENDLY COUNTRIES THAT WE WOULD NO LONGER
OPPOSE US OR NON-US ITEM TRANSFERS. I RAISED THE

L-100 CASE AND HE SAID HE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT WE WOULD NOT ALLOW IT. ALTHOUGH HE SEEMED UNCERTAIN WHETHER HE WANTED TO PURSUE THE PURCHASE, HE ASKED THAT WE PASS WORD TO THE INTERMEDIARIES THAT WE WERE WILLING TO APPROVE IT.

2. SIAD ACCEPTED THAT WE COULD NOT SUPPORT SOMALIA'S TERRITORIAL CLAIMS OR DEFEND THE RIGHT OF THE WSLF. HE URGED THAT THE US WORK THROUGH THE AFRICANS TO FIND "A JUST AND LASTING PEACE WHICH WOULD GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO THE REALITIES OF THE SITUATION."

3. SIAD RECOGNIZED MY RESPONSE AS THE SAME THAT I HAD GIVEN HIM WHEN HE INITIALLY POSED THE QUESTION. I TOLD HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE DURING THE INTERVAL PRIOR TO PUBLICATION OF THE DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR HIM TO ARRANGE WITH OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES FOR THE EXPEDITED DELIVERY OF URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS. SIAD EXPRESSED TO ME, AS HE HAD ON ONE EARLIER OCCASION, HIS STRONG CONCERN THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF AGREEMENT WITH US MIGHT PRECIPITATE HOSTILE ACTION ON THE PART OF THE SOVIETS.

4. SIAD ACCEPTED THAT THE US WOULD NOT SAY THAT THE SOVIETS SHOULD NOT INVADE SOMALIA. "IF YOU DO
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THAT, THEY WILL NOT TOUCH US." I TOLD HIM THAT I WOULD REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT HIS DESIRE FOR THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE PUBLIC REITERATION OF OUR VIEWS, BUT I DID NOT GO BEYOND THE LANGUAGE IN MY TALKING

POINTS. LOUGHRAN UNQUOTE VANCE

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